



**NEW ENGLAND  
COMMON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**Student Work Samples  
2009**

**Grade 4**



# Reading

7 a. What problems do the frogs have in the story?

Each frog is eager to visit another city. They begin the long journey to either Osaka or Kyoto. They meet on the top of a mountain and want to see the other village to make sure their visit is worth the journey. But they can't see because they're too short.

b. How do the frogs try to solve their problems? Use details from the story.

One of the frogs has an idea. He says that if they stand on their hind legs and hold onto each other, they will be able to spot their destination. The frogs tried it and discovered that the other city looked just like their own. The frogs forgot that their eyes were on the back of their heads <sup>yet they were</sup> pleased.

7 a. What problems do the frogs have in the story?

The problems the frogs have in the story is that they have to climb up a big mountain and that they are not tall so they can't see where they are headed.

b. How do the frogs try to solve their problems? Use details from the story.

The frogs try to solve their problem by holding onto each other and standing on their hind legs to see if the place they are headed is really marvelous.

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The frogs problem was ..... Their eyes were at the back of their head.

b. How do the frogs try to solve their problems? Use details from the story.

The frogs solve their problem when ..... They hold each other and stand on their hind legs

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They want to go to each others  
city.

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They stand on each other.

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They forget that the  
frogs eyes are behind there  
heads.

b. How do the frogs try to solve their problems? Use details from the story.

By going back.

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they have no place to live.

b. How do the frogs try to solve their problems? Use details from the story.

they try to find a home for  
her or him.



12 Explain how and why people started using money. Use details from the passage.

People started using money because sometimes people had to trade for bad deals. In the text, it explains that if a farmer wanted a coat and a weaver wanted a cow, the farmer wouldn't get his fair share and the weaver would get more than he should. They began to use money that we wouldn't normally use today, like shells. The Native Americans used beads made into wampum belts. Africans used lumps of salt, and Mexicans used beans. Other people used huge stone rings and red feathers. And others used metal as money. They used metal shaped like axes, hoes and knives. Silver and gold were the most rare and valuable money. People used money for an easier way of life. And we still use money today.

12 Explain how and why people started using money. Use details from the passage.

The people started using money because if one person wanted to trade a cow for a coat a cow would be a lot more so to be fair they started using money so it could be fair to everyone. Also it would make people use is wisely. The people used metal for money. The rich people had silver and gold. That's how I think the people started using money.

12 Explain how and why people started using money. Use details from the passage.

People started using money. I know this because in the passage the cow was worth more than the coat. The man came up with using different amounts of shells to buy different things. That is why people started using money.

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People started using money because when they traded sometimes it wasn't fair. Then they started to use things like shells and metal. The shells were used as money back in time.

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People started using money because some stuff was worth more than the other.

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Because we need to have thing to  
help your body, We will not have no money.



# Mathematics



- 11 Marco solved this multiplication problem.

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Write a number sentence using addition that Marco could use to check his work.

$$10 + 10 + 10 = 30$$





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add 3 10 times.

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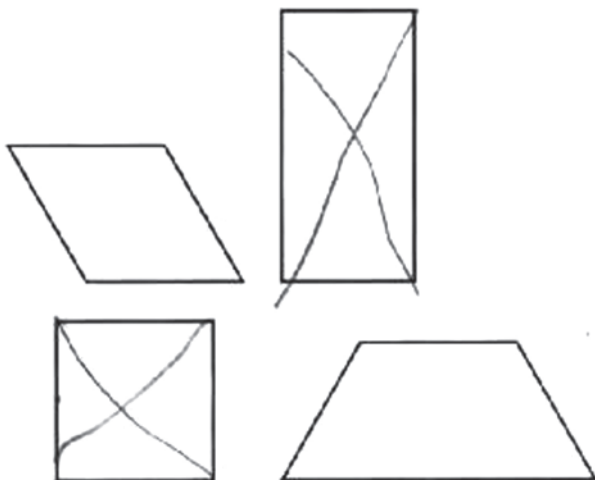
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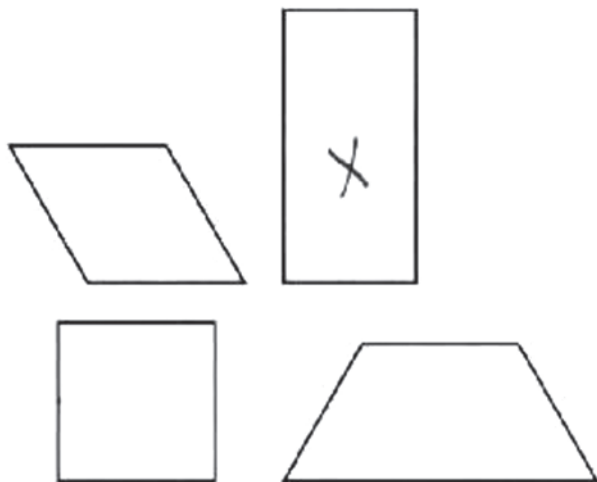
$$30 \div 3 = 10$$

12 Look at these shapes.



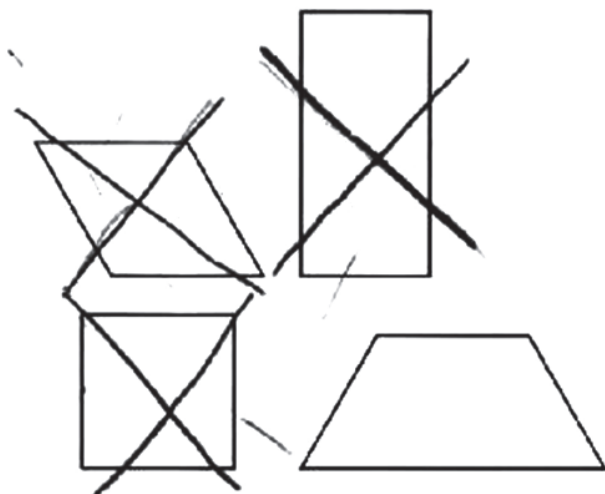
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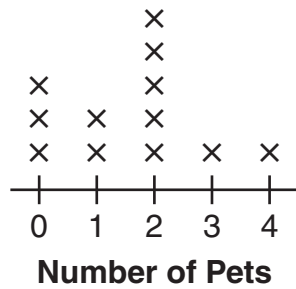
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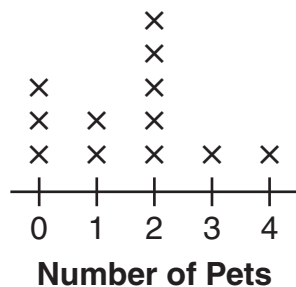


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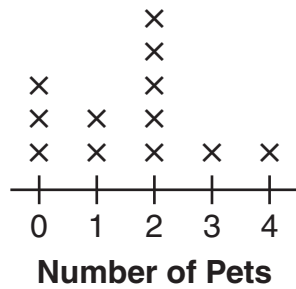
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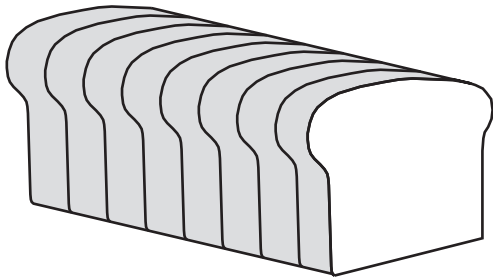
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3 and 4



- 14 Look at this loaf of bread.



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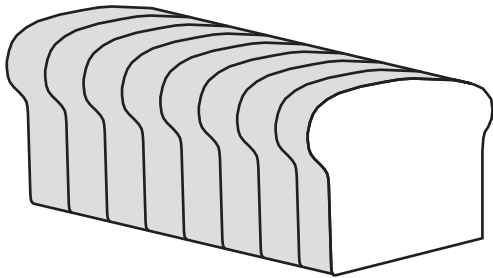
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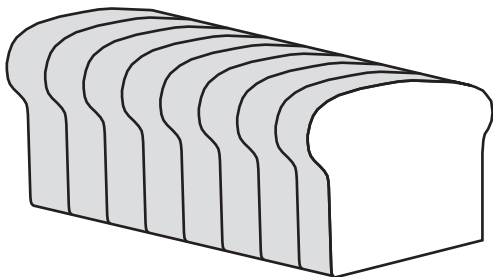
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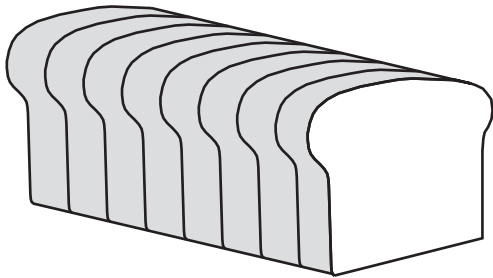
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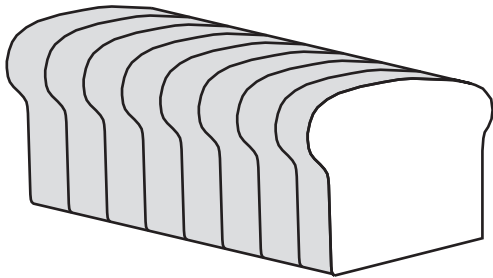
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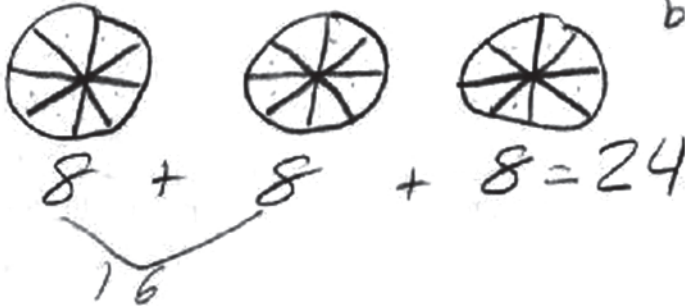
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$$\frac{2}{10}$$



- 15 There are 3 pies at a bakery. Each pie is cut into 8 slices.

How many slices of pie are there? Show your work or use numbers, words, or pictures to explain how you know.



There are 24  
slices of Pie at the  
bakery.



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$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 8 \\ + 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$8 \times 3 = 24$$



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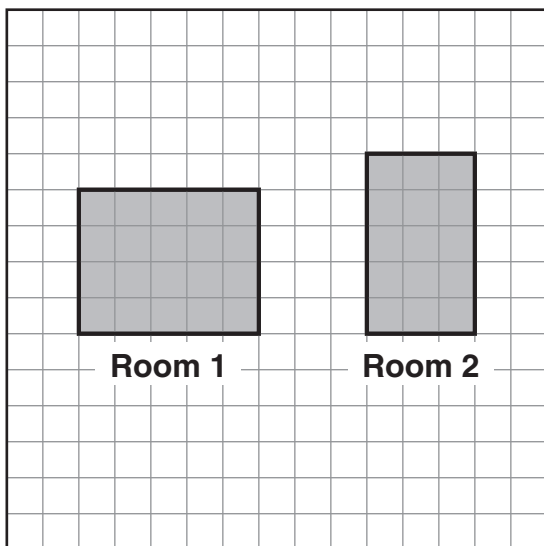
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3 Pies  
+ 8 slices  

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11 slices altogether

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**Key**

☐ represents 1 square yard

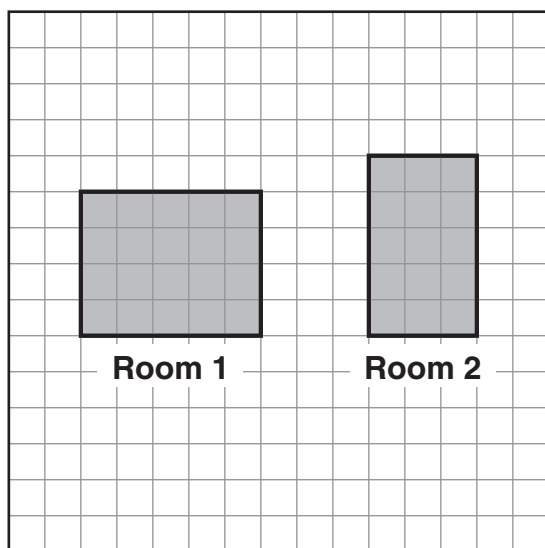
How many square yards larger is the area of Room 1 than the area of Room 2?  
Explain how you know.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 20 \end{array} \text{ yards}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 15 \end{array} \text{ yards}$$

My answer is in room 1 it has 5 more square yards than in room 2.

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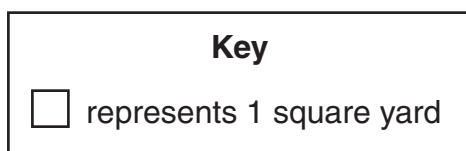
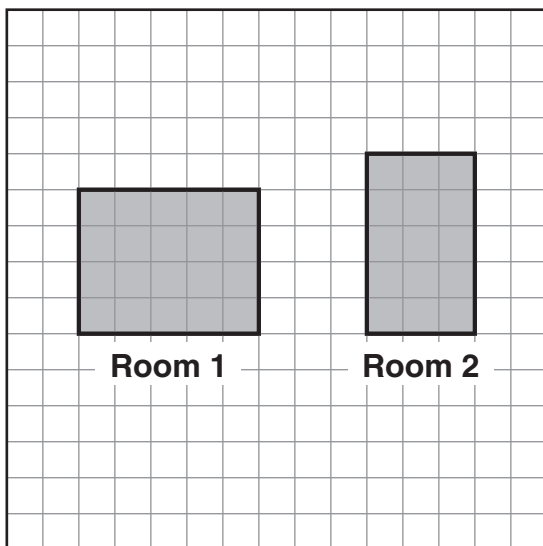
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How many square yards larger is the area of Room 1 than the area of Room 2?  
Explain how you know.

5 squares larger.

I know this because if you count the squares in room 1 and room 2 then subtract the number of squares in room 2 from room 1 you get 5

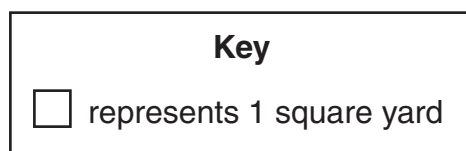
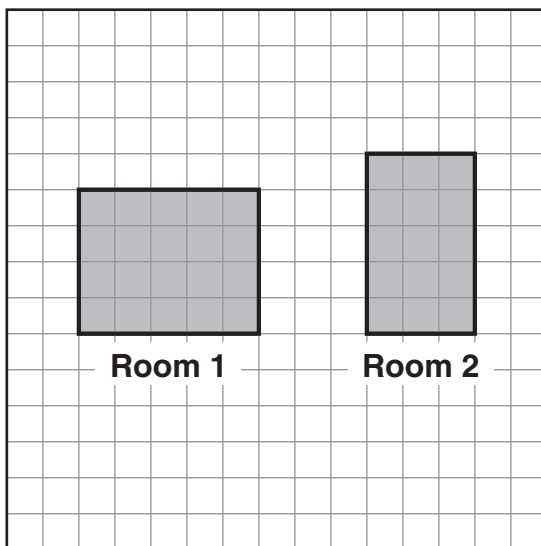
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5 square yards  
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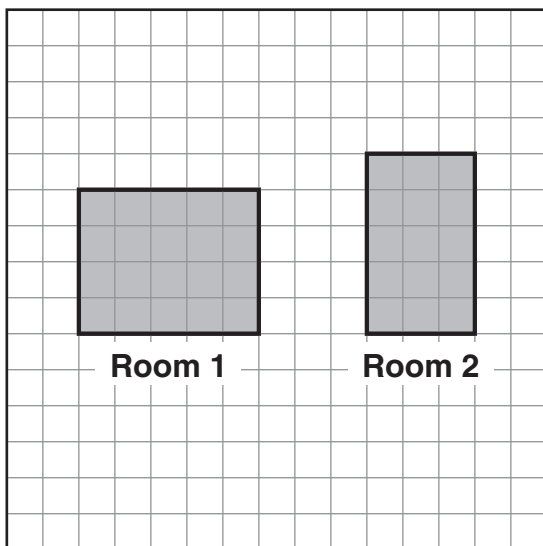
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I know this because  
there are 20 squares in  
Room 1 and 15 squares in  
Room 2 and 20 is greater  
than 15.

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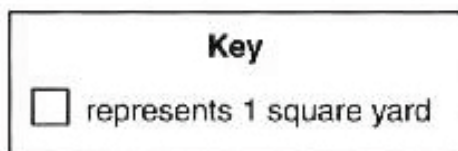
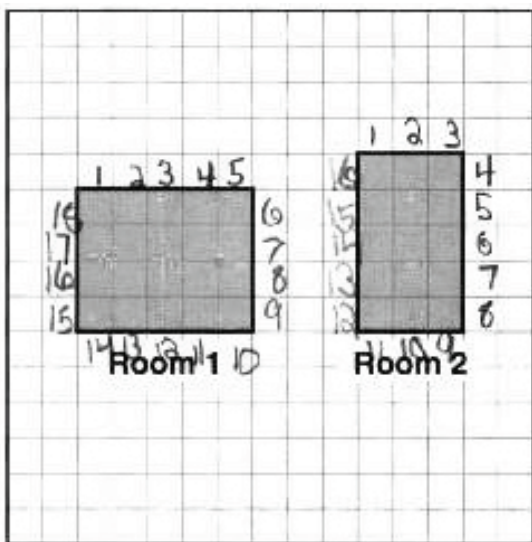
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How many square yards larger is the area of Room 1 than the area of Room 2?  
Explain how you know.

It is two more because  
if you subtract the  
minimum from the maximum  
you will get two.